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TODAY'S WEATHER: Light variable or South winds; fair.  
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## New Chief Of Staff For Far East Land Forces

London, July 20.—Brigadier J. M. Kirkman, former chief of staff for Palestine and Transjordan, has been appointed chief of staff for the Far East land forces at Singapore, the War Office announced tonight.

Brigadier Kirkman, who will hold the temporary rank of Major-General in his new assignment, will succeed Major-General H. Redman, who will become Director of military operations for the War Office.

Brigadier Kirkman is 50 years old. He served on the Western front in World War I.

He was Deputy Director of Military Intelligence at the War Office from January, 1942 to May, 1944.

In April 1945 he landed in Greece with the British liberation army. He was appointed to the Palestine Transjordan post in May, 1947 and held it until the recent withdrawal of British from the Area.—Associated Press.

## NEW APPROACH TO RUSSIA BY WESTERN POWERS

### Aim Is To Bring About Four-Power Talks

#### MR BEVIN'S MEMORANDUM

London, July 20.—A broad new approach to Russia by the three Western powers, leading up to four-power talks on Germany, has been agreed on by the five Western Union powers meeting at The Hague, it was understood today. The policy is subject to confirmation by the United States and Military Government authorities in Berlin.

The military bonds between the Western Allies grew tighter today as authoritative Washington sources disclosed that the United States and Canada had decided to join Western Europe in common defence planning.

The reported North American decision to join the Western Union Military Committee follows a fortnight's talks in Washington between European, American and Canadian representatives.

At The Hague, the five Western Union Foreign Ministers wound up their two-day conference today. The Foreign Ministers this morning discussed a new approach to Moscow on the Berlin crisis, paving the way for Big Four talks, Hague observers believed. They met again this afternoon before returning to their capitals tonight.

The Foreign Ministers were thought to have agreed on the next step in Berlin during two and a half hours' restricted session this morning.

Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, will leave The Hague by sea tonight for London, while M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, flies back to Paris this evening.

Another major topic discussed by the Foreign Ministers during their two-day session—in their capacity as the Western Union Consultative Council—was joint defence planning with the United States and Canada.

The decision that United States and Canada observers will attend all future meetings of the Western Union Military Committee in London was interpreted in diplomatic quarters tonight to mean that the rumoured North Atlantic defence bloc is now in being and that the Western Union powers are now assured of substantial transatlantic military aid.

NO RETRACTION

The Hague discussions and the closer military links between Western Europe and the North American continent have today prepared a firm basis from which the British, French and United States Governments can reply to the Soviet refusal to lift the Berlin blockade.

It is not thought the new approach to Russia will involve a retraction of the previous condition to raise the Soviet blockade of Berlin as a precondition to new negotiations, but rather that an attempt will be made to broaden the whole issue to embrace as many outstanding differences as possible.

Mr Bevin tabled a long paper on the Berlin situation at yesterday's session of the Western Union Consultative Council. It was learned that the paper, divided into background and proposals for future policy, is believed to have met with a friendly reception from the other four Foreign Ministers.

In a communique issued after today's meeting, the five Foreign Ministers said: "The Council has had a broad exchange of views on a number of international problems, including that of Germany."

"This exchange made it clear that the Ministers were completely at one in their attitude towards these problems."

FIRM RESOLVE

The Ministers expressed their firm resolve to consolidate and extend the co-operation of the five in all fields covered by the Brussels treaty, including the economic and financial fields.

"In accord with other like-minded States, the five Governments have further decided to do everything possible in order to defend their independence, their integrity and their institutions."

"In general, the meeting made manifest the determination of all concerned to work together within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations towards the greatest possible measure of unity among themselves and hence to transform the principles of the treaty signed by the five powers last March into a living reality."

The visiting Ministers were the guests at lunch today of Baron Van Boettelaar, Vice-Governor, the Dutch Foreign Minister. They were accompanied by their respective

## Prelude To Death



Two policemen grapple with man in the union bus terminal in Norfolk, Va., shortly before one of them shot him to death. Patrolman J. P. Bordeaux (left) strikes at the head of the man while Patrolman M. D. Edwards grasps him from behind. Three blows to the head failed to stop Howell, who jerked loose. Edwards then shot him fatally. Edwards quoted the man as saying: "you'll have to kill me first" when told to put down a knife.—AP Picture.

## Spitfires Again Sweep Into Action Against Malayan Insurgents

Singapore, July 20.—Royal Air Force Spitfires and Dakotas swept into action at Malayan trouble centres today, shooting up insurgents and dropping troop reinforcements, arms and ammunition to anti-guerilla columns in various parts of the peninsula.

Rocket-firing Spitfires made day-long attacks against guerillas in the Gua Musang area, Kelantan State, where a British major and six Malay soldiers were killed in an ambush yesterday.

## State Control In Ceylon

Colombo, July 20.—The Ceylon Government plans to nationalise "certain basic industries" such as power, steel and cement, Mr J. R. Jayawardene, Minister of Finance, said tonight.

In his first "Dominion" budget speech since Britain handed over power last February, he told the House of Representatives that the Government would welcome private capital, both local and foreign, in non-basic industries, provided the most modern methods were used in development.

He deplored, however, that 90 per cent of Ceylon's trade was in the hands of foreigners, and said the Commerce Ministry was seeking to bring it back into the hands of Ceylonese.

Agricultural and industrial development would be undertaken on a wide scale to bring about a more balanced economy, the Finance Minister said.—Reuter.

A six-hour battle followed the surprise attack on a strong troop and police column driving in trucks to reinforce Gua Musang, where a police station was raided by 300 insurgents on Saturday.

The British major, who was in command, was killed almost immediately. It was believed the other occupants of his jeep, which was leading the convoy, were also killed. Besides the killed officers, Malay soldiers were wounded before the column could escape the trap.

The ambush took place 15 miles from Gua Musang, when the force, in a line of trucks, was passing through a cutting on an old railway track. The major was killed almost immediately, while the other four occupants of his jeep, which led the column, were also killed.

Drains running along both sides of the track provided the only cover for the party and from two of these ditches the troops and police fought back.

Two other Malay soldiers were killed and others wounded during the fighting. After a six-hour battle, the combined force was able to withdraw.

Spitfires provided air cover during the action, but an official report said

each time the aircraft flew over the ambushers stopped firing to avoid betraying their positions.

Further reinforcements were being sent today and the Royal Air Force was assisting in the operations.

The Malayan Inspector and 14 Malay constables captured in the Gua Musang police station raid were released unharmed today. It was believed in Singapore that the Chinese guerillas freed them as a propaganda measure, telling their prisoners they were not fighting Malays but only the British.

GUERRILLAS WITHDRAWN

The guerillas were today reported to have withdrawn and reached the village of Bertam, 35 miles to the north.

The military authorities reported today that two British artillerymen had descended at Tampin, about 60 miles south of Kuala Lumpur, driving off in a jeep and taking Sten guns.

Two terrorists today shot dead a Chinese schoolmaster in broad daylight eight miles south of Kuala Lumpur. They fired over the heads of children as the teacher, a Kuomintang supporter, tried to flee.

A "mystery" girl was among 20 Chinese arrested for taking part in the attack on the Batu Arang coal mine, near the Federal capital, on July 12. She is alleged to have walked into a railway station and picked up a first-aid kit after the raid.

(The Communist-led Australian Seamen's Union will boycott any move to send arms to Malaya from Australia, Mr E. V. Elliot, the Federal Secretary of the Union, announced in Sydney).—Reuter.

## Ship's Officer Attacked

London, July 20.—Captain Scott, master of the 5,180-ton British freighter, Hellenic Trader, six days out from Middlesbrough on a voyage to Sierra Leone, radioed his message to Reuter today after reports of a marine-spoke attack on Chief Officer G. Hannam of South Shields, by the Chinese crew.

SS Hellenic Trader (by radio), July 20.—"The position on board is now quiet. I have had a talk with the Chinese crew leader, but I am not quite satisfied with the result."

"No deviation will be made from the intended voyage to West Africa for one."

"The Chief Officer's wound bled for 12 hours, but he is now all right, and there is no cause for alarm. He reports that when the crew made the attack in the forward well deck, their actions were of a crazed nature, supporting the rumour that the leader is an opium smoker."

"He admits smoking in the past but says he does not smoke now. There is a small element of the bad-type Chinese aboard."

## MINE EXPLOSION

McCurtain, Oklahoma, July 20.—One miner was killed and another maimed when an explosion and fire swept the Lone Star Coal mine here today.

Nineteen others escaped safely.—Associated Press.

## France Seeking New Premier

Paris, July 20.—Communists proposed today that their leader, Maurice Thorez, be designated the new French Premier to head a Coalition Government of Socialists and Communists.

M. Thorez was the first majority party leader to call on President Vincent Auriol, who is searching for a new Premier. France's middle-of-the-road Government, headed by Robert Schuman, toppled last night after a dispute over the Army's budget.

There was no immediate prospect of M. Thorez being invited to share in the Government. He called on President Auriol first because the Communist Party has the largest representation in the National Assembly. They were not represented in the last Cabinet.

Following Thorez was Andre Colin, Secretary General of the Popular Republic (MRP). Group M. Schuman is a member of the MRP and many believed he will be called upon to form a new Cabinet.

Socialists also called upon President Auriol. They, like the MRP, were represented in the Schuman Cabinet. Guy Mollet, Charles Lussy and Alex (Continued on Page 5)

## New Soviet Restriction

Berlin, July 20.—The Russians, for the first time, today demanded Soviet visas before allowing American vehicles leaving Berlin to cross the Soviet Zone.

The Soviets had announced this regulation two weeks ago, but today was the first time they enforced it. They have not yet announced where Soviet visas are available.

American officials said that American cars leaving Berlin today were allowed to cross into the Soviet Zone but were not allowed out at the Helmstedt end because they carried no visas. They were forced to return to Berlin.—United Press.

## Smuggled Rubber Shoes Seized

Manila, July 21.—The Commissioner of Customs had ordered the seizure of 120 baskets manifested as containing earthenware—which arrived July 17 aboard the ss Vivita from Hongkong—following the discovery of rubber shoes in some of the baskets.

Any attempt to smuggle in rubber shoes is a violation of the anti-dumping act.

The baskets were consigned to a Manila Chinese firm.—United Press.

## EDITORIAL

### Problem Of Restrictions

AMONG the postwar factors which are today holding back the full expansion of world trade, import and similar restrictions are exerting a noticeable influence in most parts of the globe. In many countries they are comparatively minor matters in comparison with shortages of raw materials, labour, foreign exchange, capital equipment and the pressing national and overseas accounts. But they are factors which, although familiar before 1939, have grown much more important because of postwar economic difficulties. British policy and attitude regarding these factors are not without significance. So far as Britain is concerned she has her own tight import restrictions, and without them the fight for equilibrium on a seriously overbalanced trade and financial account would be hopelessly lost. Britain is, therefore, in a position fully to appreciate the like problems of other countries some of which have even greater difficulties to overcome. But while Britain, for self protection, has been forced to effect a number of import restrictions which naturally have tended to interfere with her overseas trade, constantly, as witness the recent trade pact, has also been striving hard to raise the volume of mutual trade wherever possible. Attitude regarding policy has been changing to meet varying needs and situations—where it has been advisable to reduce restrictions they have been reduced, and vice versa. And so that foreign supplies of branded goods and special products would not lose the connections which they had built up in better times, Britain led the world in introducing a token imports scheme which has helped foreign firms to

maintain their goodwill. At present this scheme allows 20 per cent of the prewar value of "token" goods on the list. Despite the increasing difficulties of the situation this scheme has been adhered to even though it means the importation of many things which are non-essential. Moreover Britain has been striving for the closest possible harmony in mutual trade discussions, for if there is a spirit of give and take it is much easier for countries to work together towards the eventual goal of free multilateral trade which is the ideal. Under present conditions that cannot be obtained, but at least step-by-step methods of settling trade problems can be avoided. This is one reason why Britain is now taking non-essentials from a number of countries. In return she feels entitled to export to them less essential British goods, in particular those that are either made by semi-key industries or include a very small proportion of imported raw materials in their value. On the other side of the picture it is natural that Britain should expect a similar broad and reasonable approach by other countries to her problems. There is a limit to which she can allow unrequited exports to rise and, therefore, if she has a favourable balance with particular countries she must have the assurance that they will not become unwieldy and that there is no definite prospect of eventual liquidation. Similarly, she cannot enter into bartering negotiations which will sell her own precious capital and engineering goods only in return for large quantities of non-essentials. A fair balance between essential and non-essential imports. It is a problem which afflicts practically every country in the world today.

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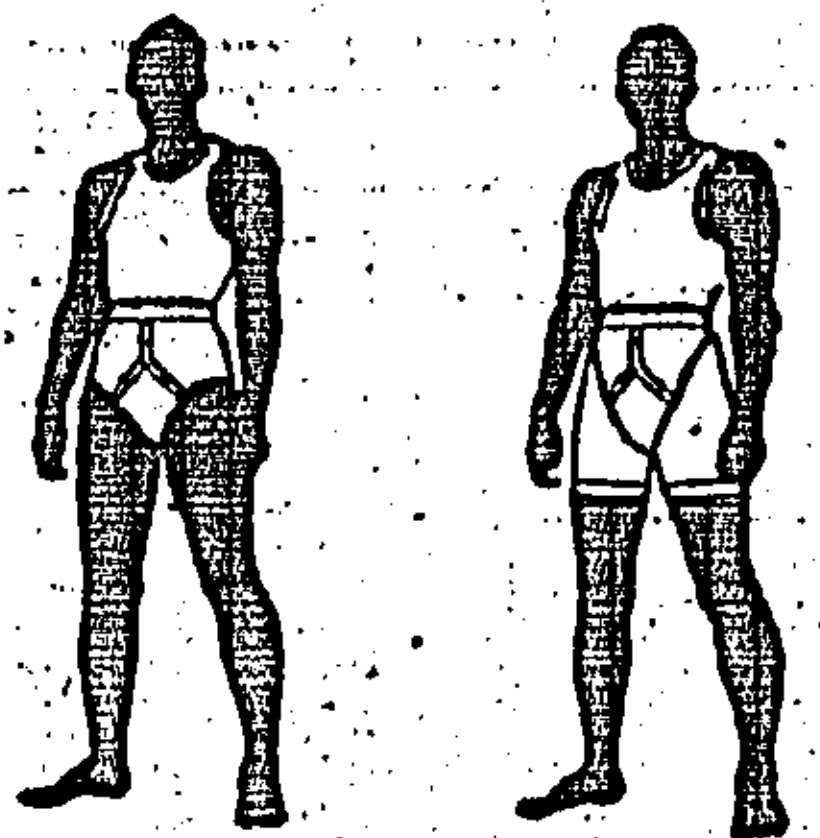
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## Ferry Boat Sinks In River

New Delhi, July 20.—One hundred and twenty-five persons are believed to have been drowned when a ferry boat sank in the river Ganges near Allahabad, in the United Provinces, yesterday, according to reports reaching here tonight. The vessel, which was carrying workers, capsized three miles from the confluence of the Jumna and Ganges.—Reuter.



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## WOMANSENSE

### Interesting Facts On Fats

Be Sure to Use the Right Kind When Cooking

THE Chef and I were shopping in a large city market. Standing at the beef counter was a woman buying ten pounds of beef fat. This unusual purchase piqued my curiosity, so I asked the shopper what she planned to do with the fat.

"I am going to render it," she explained, "then mix it with twice the quantity of lard for cooking."

"Do you run a restaurant?" I asked.

"No, I am going to pack it in cans and send it to friends who have no fat to use. Lard is the most inexpensive prepared fat on the market, and if I mix it with this beef fat, which costs very little, I can afford to send a larger quantity."

When we returned to the taste-test kitchen, the Chef remarked, "That woman in the market made a very smart purchase. You know, Madame, the secret of the wonderful flavour of real French fried potatoes, the veal cutlet and croquette, is the blending of lard and rendered beef fat used in the frying. This combination of fats is used by Chefs the world over."

"The reason for the fine flavour," I remarked, "is the faint meat taste that comes from the combined fats. However, for shortening biscuits, breads, cookies and cakes, lard, which has almost no flavour at all, is used by..."

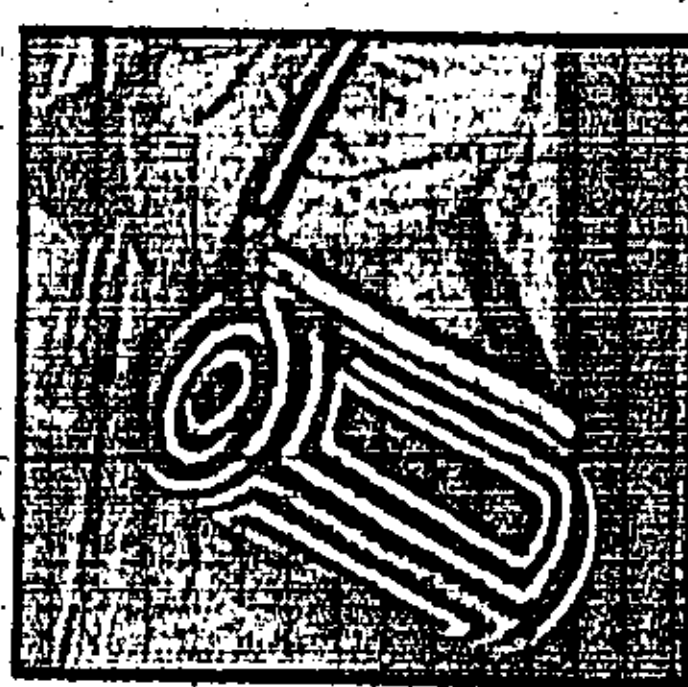
**Fine Crust**

"I have discovered that lard makes a very fine crust for pie," the Chef added. "It makes the texture very tender. Of course, for the real French pastry we use butter, or often vegetable shortenings."

"Lard is 100 percent fat," I commented, "so when it is used as shortening in place of butter, margarine or other fats, we need one-fourth less. And as lard is unsalted, twice the usual amount of salt should be added when shortening breads, cake, cookies or piecrust."

"I have found that in deep fat frying, with lard, it begins to smoke at a lower temperature than when using the vegetable fats," said the Chef. "The ladies should watch this when they deep-fry with the lard, and test the temperature with a little cube of bread to find out when the lard is hot enough. We must not wait until it begins to smoke. This means the fat is burned."

## BEADS AND BRASS



Handbags are in the fashion news again, among them this beaded "cylinder" bag seen being carried by a London visitor from New York. In Hongkong stores too, you can see this on sale.



Another transatlantic style was this sling bag in leather with its huge brass ornament—



—and this one at Wimbledon, saddle-stitched, with a gilt clasp.

"This is true when boiling any kind of fat for deep-frying," I added. "And last, but not least, lard is down in price, so we can afford to deep-fry some of our foods, and to..."

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**Lamb and Vegetable Casserole**

Remove excess fat from 3 lb. breast of lamb, and cut the meat in pieces suitable for serving. Roll in 3 tbsp. flour, mixed with 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1/4 tsp. allspice. Next prepare the vegetables, which should include 1 (No. 2) can solid-pack tomatoes; 2 c. diced summer squash; or 1 1/2 cups sliced peeled onions; 1 small peeled section garlic minced, and 2 c. peeled quartered carrots. Arrange for cooking as follows: Place the lamb and vegetables in alternating layers in a 2 qt. baking dish or casserole. Pour in water to fill the baking dish one-

fourth. Cover closely and bake in a slow to moderate oven, 325 to 350 F., for about 2 hrs., or until the lamb is tender.

**Savoury Rice**

Melt 1 tbsp. butter or margarine in a heavy saucepan. Add 2 c. raw, unwashed white or converted rice, and fry very slowly over a low heat until the rice is golden yellow. Stir constantly. Then add 1 pt. stock, or 2 c. boiling water and 2 bouillon cubes. Cover and slow-bake until liquid is absorbed, about 25 min.

**Delicate White Cake**

Into a mixing bowl measure 1/4 c. lard, 1 c. sugar, 1 1/2 tsp. lemon juice, and the grated rind of 1/2 lemon. Mix and cream together until the mixture is light and fluffy. Then sift together 1 1/2 c. flour, 3 tsp. baking powder and 1/4 tsp. salt. Add alternately to the first mixture with 2/3 c. milk. The batter will be quite stiff. Last, beat 3 egg whites stiff until they stand in peaks. Fold into the cake batter with an over-and-over motion. Then beat batter for 1/2 min.

Transfer to an oiled 9 in. square cake pan, or a 8 1/2 in. tubed cake pan. Bake 40 to 45 min. in a moderate oven, 375 F., or until a toothpick, when inserted in the centre, comes out clean. Cool and cover with soft lemon icing.

**Soft Lemon Icing:** Dissolve 1 tsp. cornstarch in 1/4 c. cold water. Add 1/2 tsp. salt, and cook and stir until boiling rapidly all over. Then add 1 1/2 cups lemon juice. While still warm, stir in about 1 1/2 c. sifted confectioner's sugar, or enough to make the icing of the right consistency to spread. Keep it as soft as possible, as the cornstarch mixture will stiffen and give a firm, yet creamy consistency to the icing when it is cold.

## Ann Todd Believes In The Tragic-Comic Theory Of Human Behaviour

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD — Ann, Todd believes it takes a really happy person to play a really tragic part.

And, conversely, she said, she did her best comedy roles when she was miserably unhappy.

Her personal life, she said, completely explains her quick switch from comedy roles on the stage to serious ones in the movies.

"When you're unhappy, one of two things can happen to you," Miss Todd said. "Either you go to self-pity, and make everyone about you miserable, or you become brittle, which opens the way for comedy."

"Well, I have been unhappy—very unhappy. My domestic affairs were in such a state that life hardly seemed worth the effort. And so, being an actress, I played rip-roaring comedy."

"I remember being miserable at home, dragging myself to the theatre and playing for laughs in a succession of comedies."

**Things Change**

But when life changed from drab to exciting for Miss Todd, she found herself capable of playing serious, even tragic parts.

"I got a letter one night after a performance of 'Lottie Dundass' from an airman, with the 'Free French' attached," she said. "He said that I must be very unhappy to portray unhappiness so well."

"He was right. My personal life was idyllic, and it still is."

Miss Todd says the advice of the British producer, C. B. Cochran, helped her change from comedy to dramatics.

"It was Mr. Cochran who had me put my hair down," she said. "I always had worn it on top of my head, and that made me look like a girl. Putting it down somehow brought out my cheekbones and changed my face."

"That was the turning point in my stage career, just as the 'Seventh Veil' was the turning point in pictures."

**How It Works**

Without her happiness in her husband, children and home, she said, she never could play gloomy parts like the one she has in "So Evil My Love" for Hal Wallis and Paramount British.

"I play a brooding woman, whose life is wrecked by a scoundrel of a painter, played by Ray Milland," Miss Todd said. "I fall in love, defy convention, suffer, rise to the heights of happiness and commit murder."

Miss Todd had the privilege of fixing the exact time of the story, only vaguely defined in the novel from which it was taken.

"I picked the late 1880s," she said, "because of the costumes. And Edith Head has made me up to fit them all with bustles."

"It's so much simpler, I find, to be wicked in a bustle."

The first step is to remove the polish. The next step is not a hand washing, which will soften the nails so they will not file easily, but will bend. Shape them with the metal file, working from side to centre, being careful not to cut down at the sides. Run the orangewood stick under the eaves to fluff out little snags; remove them with the bevelling file.

## BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

**Mr Punch Knew Magic**  
How He Disappeared!

By MAX TRELL



Mr. Punch looked up quickly from the book he was reading.

The next instant they heard something whirling past them. Then there was silence.

Hand switched the light on again.

"He's gone!" she cried.

Knarf and Hand searched all around the room. But there was not the slightest trace of Mr. Punch. "He certainly disappeared!" they both agreed.

They couldn't even find the book of magic. That had disappeared, too.

But later, as they happened to pass Mr. Punch's bedroom, they saw him lying fast asleep in his bed. Or, at any rate, he seemed to be fast asleep. But if Knarf and Hand had looked very closely they would have seen a faint smile on his face. He had disappeared all right—straight into his bed!

## QUICKWINK RIDDLES

If a boatload of comic books should sink in the Hudson river, what would happen? Oranges would work hard to destroy New York's—of humour.

Do the puzzle and find the missing word:

Read down: 1—It often is invited to meetings. 2—To seize suddenly. 3—More neat or precise. 4—Salt's best friend.

Now read across the third row of letters for the missing word.

**Solution**

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E	E	C	I
d	d	N	T
d	l	O	n
d	d	E	t
y	C	E	t

**Mind Your Rs and Ts**

New York—Research by the Board of Education showed 45 percent of the errors which make writing illegible are made on the letters A, R, T and T. The most frequently unreadable numerals are 5, 6 and 7.

## Rupert's Island Adventure—43



Rupert runs away from the river toward the highest ground, and this time he is lucky, for he comes in sight of Sam's shack just as the sailor is returning to it. "Sam, Sam," he calls, "do come and help. We're in awful trouble. The old professor and Willie are trapped in a tower and they've got no oil and the foxes have got my paper boat and Edward is watching them and we must catch them." "Why, it's Rupert," he says. "Come along and tell me that all over again."

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## RED RYDER



Justice

BY FRED HARMAN



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**SPANISH BELLE**—Carmen Franco, left, seldom-photographed daughter of General Francisco Franco of Spain, poses somewhat haughtily with the Marquis De Villaverde, standing, to whom she is reported engaged. With them are two other members of the Madrid society.



**BIG BLAST**—Streams of water being poured on flaming oil tanks in Louisville, Kentucky, after 23 gasoline storage tanks exploded. Twenty-three persons were injured in the blast, and company officials estimated that the damage would reach the \$500,000 mark.



**FACIAL STUDIES**—Small fry peer through a church window to get a glimpse of "Miss America of 1947," Barbara Jo Walker, as she smiles at her husband, Dr. John V. Hummel, following their marriage in Memphis, Tennessee.



**BAD BREAK**—Little Sally Moore of Sacramento hasn't heard that old adage about not crying over spilled milk. The story behind her pensive posture is seen in the ripped bag she's holding. The milk dropped out of the bag on Sally's way home from the store. But the cat thinks it's a good idea.



**SING A SONG OF STRIKERS**—Private primary school teachers sing a strike song composed during a demonstration when 700 of them sat all night in front of Shanghai's Bureau of Education. More than 10,000 students and teachers joined them the next morning. Among their demands was a \$10,000,000 loan for each teacher—Chinese inflation variety.



**SWOONY**—Amused by the brevity of the costume Hollywood designers dreamed up for her to wear in her latest film, blonde Adele Jergens shows how she can hide her costume behind its short, sheer skirt. No new look here!



**ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL**—Donald Leutsch, 14, is revived by firemen of Chicago's inhalator squad as his mother kneels anxiously at his side. The fireman's face, wreathed in smiles, shows that Donald will be all right. The boy went into a gas-filled room to rescue his roller skates. Then a neighbour had to rescue him!



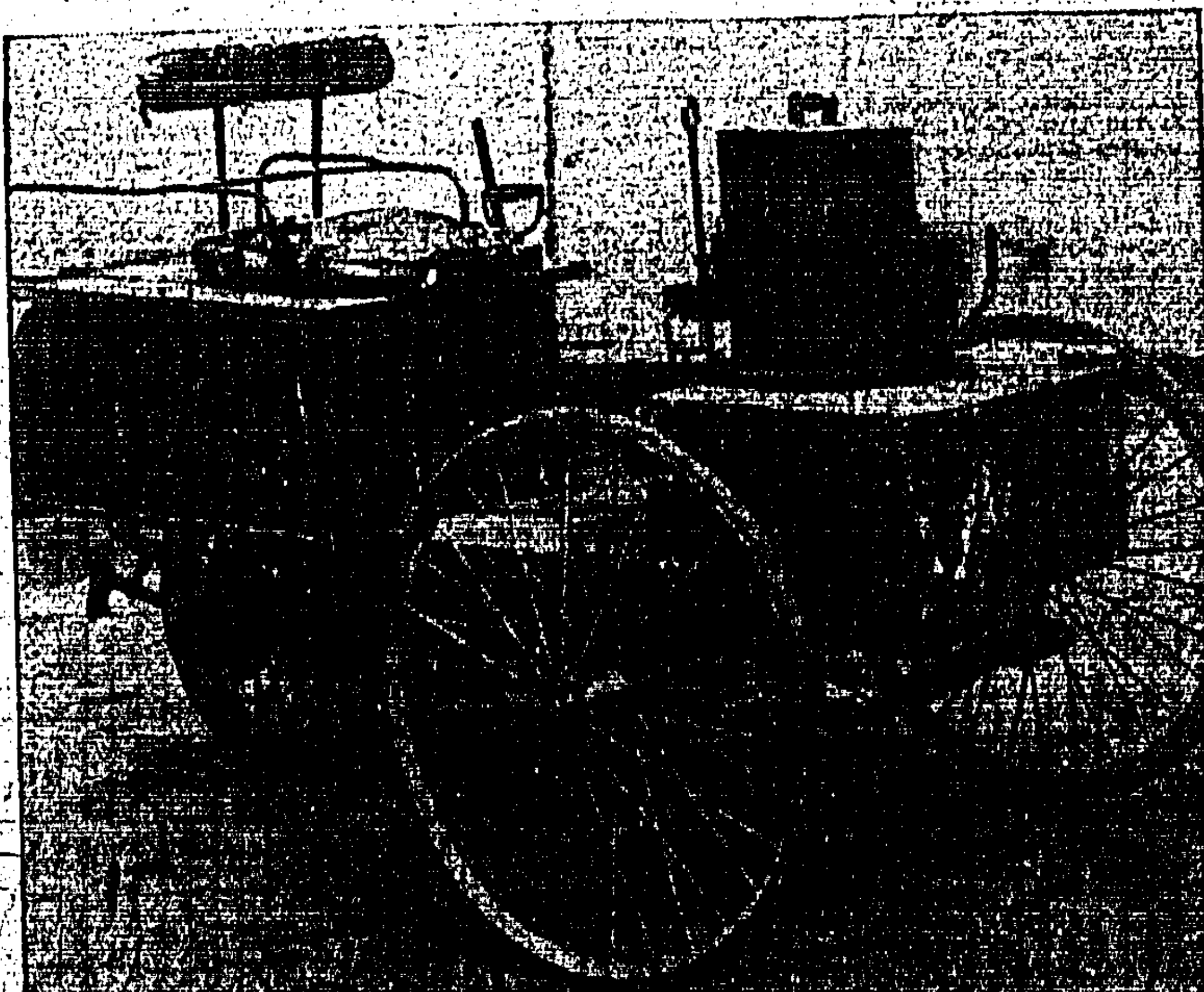
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# Can Tito keep his job?

Five questions answered by M. RADULOVIC author of "Tito's Republic" who brings home the first full story of what is happening in Belgrade today

Would you say that Tito's conduct is a sign that the transformation from a sponsored guerrilla leader to a complete and full-fledged ruler is complete? And that at last he is the ruler of his personal authority in Yugoslavia?

When I saw Marshal Tito for the last time in his private train he was in robust health and smiled widely, the smile of a man sure of power and position, very different from the humber guerrilla leader of the Partisan wars.

Tito was wearing a white uniform, patent-leather riding boots, and gold epaulettes on his jacket. His hat had a gold-covered peak and a red star on the front.

The train was made up of a long line of Pullman cars. First and last coaches were reserved for his bodyguard, military band, and motor cars. Every compartment, luxuriously furnished with carpets, flowers, and telephones, had its own service of young girls, who acted as waitresses and maids.

The dinner served there was the best I had eaten in Yugoslavia. And everything Tito said made it clear that he saw himself as the nation's man of destiny.

Is Tito in a position to back his authority with armed force, or is the army dominated by Moscow?

The army and air force of the Yugoslav Republic, today numbering 500,000, has been developed from small guerrilla units patterned on and equipped by the Red Army.

The whole of the nation's resources are sacrificed to feed, clothe, and equip this enormous army, five times larger than Yugoslavia ever had before.

No serious revolt inside Tito's army is possible so long as political commissars—representatives of the Communist Party—remain in all units to watch over all troops from the generals downwards, and firing squads threaten the politically unreliable.

A Russian officer is seconded to nearly every command in the Yugoslav Army, while a civilian expert is attached to every Yugoslav institution of importance. The behaviour of the Russians is not always brotherly in spite of the much-vaulted Slav ties. The army is Tito's baby; his word is always law.

## YES-MEN

How far have they strayed in the past from the line? (a) by the Party, (b) by members seeking to take a line independent of Moscow?

Communist organisation reached its perfection in the absolute control it exercised from the Federal Parliament.

Parliamentary deputies listen to set speeches and then vote "Yes" with machine-like precision. One deputy, Professor Jovanovitch, leader of the Peasant Party, and for a long time a loyal ally of the Communist Party, decided to break this tradition. He protested that the Communists were imposing oppressive measures on the peasantry, and that they followed a dangerous foreign policy. I witnessed his expulsion from Parliament on July 20, 1946, to cries of "Down with the traitor!" From 300 obedient deputies, he was later sentenced to one year's hard labour. Since Jovanovitch has dared to take an independent line.

## POLICE

What is the role of the police in this new Yugoslavia? How is it kept under control?

OZNA (the secret political police) has been from the start Tito's key weapon. It has held in check 100,000 Yugoslavs by an organisation numbering 100,000 agents at home and abroad.

OZNA representatives infiltrated into every Ministry, every Yugoslav mission abroad, every office, and every block of flats. The further I went from Belgrade the more powerful they seemed to be. Whether I wanted an identity card, to be registered for the elections, to get a key for my front door, or to leave Belgrade for 24 hours, there was only one answer—go and see OZNA.

Its members are young men. The only one more than 25 is 38-year-old Lieutenant General Alexander Rankovitch, now named as a traitor in the Communist communiqué. Rankovitch is Supreme OZNA commander, better known as Minister of the Interior. He was an upholder in Belgrade before the war.

## RULERS

So the real decisions in Yugoslavia are made in the corridors of the Parliament. What is the ruling set-up?

A FEW hundred yards from the Yugoslav Parliament, in the broad Red Army Boulevard, stands a modern five-story building, the Madera Palace, headquarters of the Yugoslav Communist Party. It is in this building that Yugoslavia has been ruled. Officials of Madera are picked from the cream of Communist youth. No strangers are allowed into the building.

Djilas, 37-year-old Minister of Propaganda, who, once one of Stalin's closest friends, shares the Cominform disrepute, is the hub of the Communists. I told Djilas that I sensed a state of siege in Yugoslavia. "That is correct," he said. "But our 'peaceful' development must naturally be accompanied by some upheavals. The first task is to strengthen and consolidate the achievements of the liberation struggle."

Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

# Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

Being another instalment of advice offered to foreign tourists on what to expect and what to do when in Britain.

ONE of the most treasured illusions of the people of these islands is the illusion that they are modest. Even when they are slyly conveying the impression (though not openly boasting) that they are the finest people on earth, they are insisting, in the same breath, that they are the most modest people on earth.

Although it is true that you never hear a distinguished British sailor, soldier or airman bragging of his achievements, this is also true of the distinguished sailors, soldiers and airmen of other countries. It is true of all distinguished men all over the world. The greater the achievement the greater the humility.

The British people have never grasped this simple fact. They believe that modesty is an exclusive British virtue, and that all boasting is either done by foreigners or by British people who, for some unaccountable reason, have temporarily become "un-British."

The astonished visitor will also discover that the finest, and the most modest, British people live in different parts of the island.

It will depend on where the astonished visitor is staying. In England he will discover that the finest British people are the English. In Wales they are the Welsh. In Northern Ireland they are the Northern Irish.

In Scotland, where modesty is a national vice, they merely tell you there is nobody up north like them. Unless you are just leaving the country it is best to agree.

The astonished visitor will also discover that England itself is divided into sections of the finest people on earth. For instance, if he is in Yorkshire the finest Englishman will be a Yorkshireman; if in Devon, Devonians.

In fact, the country is divided into 48 parts, or counties, all inhabited by people who are finer in every respect than the people living in the other counties. They also compete with each other in modesty. Hence the songs of local patriotism like "Devon, glorious Devon," and "We've just come up from Somerset."

Most English counties, with the possible exception of Middlesex, are immortalised by songs of local patriotism. Middlesex has been overlooked, not because the men of Middlesex are more or less patriotic, or more or less modest than men of other counties. It is because it is quite impossible to write a song about Middlesex. When you have been to (say) Ealing, in Middlesex, you will know why.

## Cooking

ENGLISH cooking is one of those things foreigners find amusing so long as they don't have to eat it more than once. But to do us justice, our cooking was not too bad when we had anything to cook.

That is to say, we could put a joint or a chicken into an oven and pull it out roughly at the right time. We could do much the same with vegetables, except that we often pulled them out too late, or too early.

As a foreign visitor staying at a good hotel you will probably never taste English cooking cooked by an Englishman, because all respectable hotel proprietors and restaurateurs won't let an Englishman near the kitchen unless it is to do the washing up.

The only place (apart from cabmen's shelters, carmen's pullups, roadside cafes, guest houses, and the Army) where Englishmen are allowed to cook is in railway restaurant cars.

Therefore, if you want to know something about English cooking, your life but may not keep down for five minutes, have a meal with British Railways. And do try the coffee. It is said to be made with boiling water and burned matchsticks.

English cooking at its best is probably as good as any in the world. At its worst it drives men to murder and suicide, gives them pains in the stomach and sleepless nights, and sometimes produces a morbid condition in the victim which causes him to eat nails and razor blades.

No wonder the older men, who know happier days, gulp their drinks like any American, and walk slowly home, to find their wives knitting with the radio full on and the cottage walls shaken by the same din they thought they had left behind.

## Animals

THE tenderness and devotion shown towards animals is a quality which sets the British people apart from all others. Although it is true that many foreigners are also fond of animals, they are not nationally fond of them in the sense that it is part of the national character, tradition and upbringing.

The foreign visitor may notice a few cases of cruelty to animals in the newspapers, but he should remember that the cases are only in the newspapers because there is a prosecution; also, because cruelty to animals is rare enough to be newsworthy. If the foreign visitor is a Latin who thinks a dog or a cat can be kicked with impunity in England, he had better beware. If he is not prosecuted it is almost certain that he will be violently assaulted.

After being assaulted he will ask, with his tedious Latin logic, "Why, if I am not allowed to kick cats and dogs, do you hunt foxes to death?"

The answer is that the number of people who hunt foxes is small and the rest of us are ashamed of them. They are popularly supposed to belong to what was once known as "the gentleman class," though, so far as public opinion is concerned, the only gentlemen in a hunt are the hounds, who refuse to chase a vixen.

Another question a puzzled foreign visitor might ask is, "Why do you kill one animal you love (a horse) to feed another animal you love (a dog)?"

In the first article of this series you were warned that the whole country is screwy. So what are you hollering about?

Now, thanks to the marvels of modern science, every little pub in every little village can become a hell of screeching radio, and frequently is. The native wit is drowned by amplified music, nobody listens to the voices you can hear nothing but hoarse shouts as they try to make themselves audible above the din.

C.V.R. Thompson reports from America:

# BOY-GIRL CURFEW FOR NEW YORK?

THE city council of New York is so disturbed by an outbreak of youthful gang warfare in its suburbs that it is considering two emergency laws.

The first would impose a 10 p.m. curfew on all children under 16. The second would punish parents for every youth's offence against the law of the land.

The proposal comes from Joseph Sharkey, city councillor in charge of Brooklyn, where gang rivalries are so intense that youths have committed murder to win supremacy for their side.

But Sharkey's plan has aroused furious opposition. Grounds of objection—it would give an overloaded police force additional duties they could not perform; children would have an added incentive for staying out late just because it would be illegal.

It is an artificial remedy which does not reach the real causes—bad housing and bad government.

THE ENGLISH ACCENT for Americans is still embodied in "Cheerio pippin." At least a radio audience listening to Phil Harris, a raucous bandleader with the troupe of funny man Jack Benny, went into gales of laughter when Harris spoke that way as a tryout for his London trip. Still "funnier" were his attempts to put a monocle in his eye.

WHILE CONGRESS argued whether to admit as many displaced persons into this vast country as Britain has since the war thousands of aliens are entering the U.S. illegally. But most of them are Latin Americans and Orientals.

ANNE MCCORMICK, the commentator, writing in the New York Times, says that partition between Britain and the U.S. would be "more disastrous than any partition in Palestine."

A GROUP of Red Indians has hit the trail for Washington to find somebody to make a Balfour Declaration for them.

Originally unchallenged masters of the fertile Missouri Valley, their tribes made a treaty with the white conquerors to submit peacefully in exchange for 31,000,000 acres.

In violation of the treaty Washington has taken away all but 155,000 acres, and now Washington wants that.

The reservations where dwell remnants of the Mandan, Gros Ventre and Arrikara tribes, are in the way of a public power project.

And the American Army, which is engineering the project, has told the Indians to move out bag, baggage and even burial grounds, to barren lands several miles away. Their compensation—\$1,000,000.

Chief spokesman for the Indians is J. B. Smith, known among tribesmen as Bull's Eye. No traditional Redskins—he was a star footballer in his youth—Smith argues eloquently.

Says he: "We have lived on those lands since before Columbus. We are heart sick."

By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY Unknowing Guinea Pig



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## Counsel Comments On Prison Detention Of Schoolboy

That it was a mistake to imprison a boy who was under 15 years of age was the opinion advanced by Mr A. J. Clifford in a mitigation plea at the Criminal Sessions this morning when a student pleaded guilty before Mr Justice Reynolds to demanding money with menaces.

## Court Story Of Alleged Kidnapping

### Man Stands Trial

The story of an alleged kidnapping of the son of the owner of a lime kiln at Lau Fau Shan village, Ping Shan, New Territories, on March 11 last was told by Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, when Chan Tam-kam, 30, unemployed, appeared on trial before Mr Justice Gault (Acting Chief Justice) at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Chan was charged, with others not in custody, with kidnapping Siu Tak-hong, with uttering a letter demanding \$5,000 with menaces, and with demanding \$5,000 with menaces for Siu's release.

Mr Hooton, who is from Palestine, is appearing for the first time as Crown Prosecutor in the Supreme Court.

Det. Insp. D. H. Taylor was present for the Police.

The Jury empanelled included four women members.

### THE ABDUCTION

Mr Hooton said that on the evening of March 11 Siu was working at his father's kiln when he was approached by a stranger who asked him to go to the Ma Temple. At this time another man appeared with a gun in his hand which was pointed at Siu. Under duress, Siu was taken away from the kiln and taken to the Ma Temple. A short distance away they were joined by three other men and the party then proceeded towards the nearby hills.

It was not alleged that accused was one of the two strangers who first appeared, said Mr Hooton, but it was the Crown's allegation that he was one of the other three men who joined the original two abductors. A rope was then put around Siu's neck and he was taken to a cave. Upon arrival, Siu was ordered to write a letter to his father to the effect that he was in danger, that a meeting was to be held to discuss ransom, that his father was not to report to the police and that if the money was not paid within three days it would go very hard with him (the captive). Siu was again taken away, after he had been blindfolded, to a house where he was kept a prisoner until March 22, when, due to his guard falling asleep, he escaped.

### RANSOM NOTE

Going back to the morning after the alleged abduction Mr Hooton said that Siu's mother was passing the kiln where she found an envelope nearby. She took it to her husband who found two notes inside. One was the letter written by their son and the other was from the kidnappers, demanding a ransom of \$5,000 which must be paid within three days. A place appointed for communication between Siu's father and the kidnappers was indicated, with instructions that only one person was to meet the abductors. Siu's father then contacted his son's father-in-law and the latter went to the appointed place the next morning. Under a bridge were accused and another man, Mr Hooton said. There was some discussion and finally an offer of \$1,000 was made.

In the meantime, the Police who were pursuing other inquiries, detained accused on March 13. After he had been cautioned he made a statement and four days later when he was formally charged with the kidnapping he made another statement, which would be produced in evidence, Mr Hooton concluded. The trial is proceeding.

## French Film Well Received

The King's Theatre had good houses at all performances yesterday when the triple international prize film "La Symphonie Pastorale" started its two-day run. The 9.30 p.m. show was a gala affair, and HE the Governor and Lady Grantham attended.

The film, based on a story by Andre Gide, won the following prizes at the Cannes Festival last year: best French film, best screen actress (Michèle Morgan) and best screen music.

The story deals with the conflict of emotions engendered in a saintly pastor and a blind wife whom he befriends when the latter grows up and recovers her sight. For the benefit of those who do not understand French, English subtitles are provided.

## COOKS WANTED FOR OUTBACK

Sydney, July 20.—The Graziers' Federal Council is asking for Italian immigrants as cooks on the big outback sheep and cattle stations.

The Council said today it would prefer Chinese, but Immigration Minister Arthur Calwell would not

Mr Clifford, instructed by Mr C. A. S. Russ was for accused and Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr (Assistant Crown Solicitor) was for the prosecution.

The accused sent a threatening letter to Leung Chung of 88 Reclamation Street on June 12 demanding \$200 on behalf of the "members of the Tang Yee Tong Society." He was arrested when he went to collect the money.

Saying that the crime was the result of the boy breaking out from rigorous discipline at home, Mr Clifford stated that if the Police had looked deeply into the case, the boy certainly would not have been put in prison. He was only 14 years and some months old, not even 15 years, and it was only in very exceptional circumstances that boys of that age were imprisoned.

### OVER-STRICT PARENT

Far from laxity being the cause, the offence was committed through over-strictness, said Mr Clifford. The accused came from a very old Hongkong family and as he was the only son, he had been treated with the greatest severity. His father now realised he was too strict with the boy, who was never allowed any freedom. For the slightest infringement he was beaten. He was never allowed to go out except in company and had no pleasures of his own. In fact, he was treated with cruel strictness.

Mr Clifford suggested that as the boy's family now realised what was wrong with their control, it would be best for him to be returned to them and be under the influence of a good family. As he had been imprisoned by his mistake, His Lordship should give him a beating and then allow him to go home. Sending him to prison, would only make a criminal out of him.

Mr Clifford produced a copy of the birth certificate of the accused which recorded his birth as being in October 1933. At the time of the offence, the boy was only 14 years and eight months, he would never have been brought to Court, Counsel added.

### FATHER'S ADMISSION

The boy's father gave evidence saying he was a fitter who owned several motor boats for business. He had been in the Colony for more than 30 years and originally had four sons and three daughters of which only the accused survived. He might have been too strict with the accused, but he was of the old type of family.

A school report showed that the boy's attendance was regular and his marks good, although he was fond of playing. Drawing attention to the depositions describing the behaviour of the accused when arrested, Mr Blair-Kerr recalled that he denied knowledge of having received the parcel of money and made a false accusation against an innocent man. This showed his state of mind at that time and perhaps threw light on his development although he was said to be 14 years.

Mr Blair-Kerr said it was not the practice of the Crown to check up the birth register. In this case the accused was examined by X-ray and the report was that it was impossible to tell whether he was under or over sixteen but that he was about 16.

There was a prevalence of this type of crime in the Colony, continued Mr Blair-Kerr. There was a danger of bad characters, who were always on the lookout for any means or agency to perpetrate this type of crime, using young boys to deliver their threatening letters. If the accused were given too light a punishment it would be a pity to send the youth to prison although he had pleaded guilty to a serious and all too prevalent crime, Mr Justice Reynolds ordered eight strokes of the cane and the accused to be kept in custody till the caning was carried out.

## ROBBED HIS UNCLE

For stealing property belonging to his uncle, Chau Wing-cheong, 28, unemployed, was sentenced to four months and recommended for banishment by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning.

Inspector Moran said on July 10, defendant went to his uncle's stall at the Recreation Ground, Hollywood Road, and stole a clock, an electric fan, a hat, a pair of shoes and \$130. Only the clock and the fan were recovered.

Defendant said he wanted to return to Shanghai and he stole the property in order to get money for a passage. His uncle refused to give him any money.

Complainant, Chan Ming-shun, said he gave defendant money to go back to Shanghai several times, but on each occasion defendant spent the money and refused to go back to Shanghai. Defendant also stole from him on several occasions.

## Cyclists Take Over Town



As townspeople watch from the relative safety of the sidewalk, three motorcyclists, whose sweaters read "Hoozeifighters Motorcycle Club," stop for a beer on one of Riverside's main streets. More than 2,000 cyclists, in town for racing at a nearby track, took over and rode wildly about the streets. Forty-eight were gaoled during the first two days of the July 4-5 Holiday spree.—AP Picture.

## Colony's New PRO

The Telegraph learns unofficially that Government has appointed Mr W. Gordon Harmon, who is acting British Consul in Peking, as new Public Relations Officer in Hongkong.

Mr Harmon is expected to visit Hongkong this week to meet Mr K. W. Blackburne, CMG, OBE, Director of Information Services, Colonial Office, who arrives here during the weekend. It is not known when Mr Harmon will take up his duties as Government PRO.

## INADEQUATE FIRE APPLIANCES

Remarking that in case of an accident defendant might have cost the lives of everyone on board, Mr Calma fined a junk master \$200 or two months at the Marine Court this morning for failing to have the requisite fire fighting equipment and life saving apparatus on his junk.

Sub-Inspector Nippard reported that defendant had four fire extinguishers instead of five, 10 life-buoys instead of 16, and two life-rafts instead of five. There were no passengers on board.

Defendant stated that his life-belts had rotted, and one fire extinguisher was unfit for use. Asked by Mr Calma whether he had taken any steps to have the belts renewed, defendant admitted he had not, but would do so now.

"And in the meantime," remarked Mr Calma, "if there had been an accident you might have cost the lives of everyone on board."

The crosswalk of a motor junk was fined \$75 or two weeks for a similar offence. There were no passengers but there was a crew of 20 and the life-belts were inadequate in number.

Defendant stated that he had sent some of his life-belts to be repaired. Mr Calma said he should have replaced them with spare ones. It was also very important, Mr Calma added, that the fire appliances should be in order. The lives of people depended on it. Defendant had no right to be under way with anything less than the stipulated number of life-saving apparatus.

LICENCE NOT PRODUCED

The master of a sampan was fined \$10 or two days for failing to produce his licence when called upon to do so. Sub-Inspector Nippard reported that a licence was produced some hours later, but was found to have expired at the end of last month. Defendant said the licence was kept at home.

## Took Cigarettes Into Prison

For conveying 30 packets of Phillip Morris cigarettes into Stanley Prison, Henry Reyes, 18, warder No. 84, was sentenced to six months by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning.

Inspector Moran said defendant became a warder at Stanley in July 1946. At 10 p.m. last night, Prison Officer J. L. MacTavish paid a surprise visit to the prison, and on searching defendant, found the cigarettes concealed in his stockings.

Mr d'Almada, in refusing to give defendant the option of a fine, said it was not the first of its kind.

## Ex-SMC Workers Seek Legal Aid

### BACK PAY CLAIMS

Shanghai, July 21.—The Executive Committee of the Shanghai Municipal Council Foreign Employees Association is negotiating with a reputable legal firm to handle their claims for payment of their superannuation funds and pensions against their employers, the former Shanghai Municipal Council.

The move was decided on to pacify the growing clamour for action from the former Council employees and to deter them from holding demonstrations. It was learned.

According to a member of the Executive Committee this is the last desperate resort which the Council could hit upon to appease the growing number of members who are insisting on demonstrations.

Three-year wait

The foreign employees of the former International Settlements governing body—the Shanghai Municipal Council—have been waiting for nearly three years for payment of their dues which China assumed through the Cairo Treaty, which the foreign powers gave up their extraterritorial rights in China.

During the past few weeks, much correspondence has appeared on the subject in the local press with writers emphasising the point that Britain and the United States are still responsible for the payment of their claims.

Spontaneous protest demonstrations have been held by former SMC employees during the past few years. Last year angry groups of ex-SMC workers blocked the British Consulate General for two days, vowing they would not leave the compound until guarantees were forthcoming that they would be paid their dues.

They were dispersed only by the personal intervention of Mayor K. C. Wang who told them that Britain could not be held responsible, and that China, in taking over the settlement, had also taken over the Council's assets and liabilities.—Reuter.

Meanwhile, in the strife-torn Holy Land, fighting continued on several fronts in spite of the Security Council's determined order that all fighting should stop lest sanctions be imposed on the "aggressor."

Brigadier Glubb Pasha, British Commander of the crack Arab Legion, today toured front-line positions in the Judean Hills in view of Israeli forces only a few hundred yards away.

He inspected units in the Latrun area where the Legion commands a road between Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv, and saw Legion fortifications at Latrun, which were hit by 180 shells during a tank-supported attack one hour before the truce was agreed to reopen the road.

A six-pounder gun on the roof of the fort knocked out one of the two Cromwell tanks reported to have

been stolen by Jews from Haifa when British troops were evacuating. The Jewish Commander in Latrun is said to be a former colonel in the British Lifeguards.—Reuter.

## Berliners Disappointed By "More Food" Rumour

Berlin, July 20.—Berliners flocked to the city's Central Food Office today as soon as the news spread that the Russians had offered 100,000 tons of food for all four sectors of the German capital, the Soviet-licensed German news agency reported.

Most of them asked for potatoes, but the Food Office could tell them nothing "as the Soviet authorities have not yet issued detailed orders," the agency said.

(Observers in Moscow today thought the Russians would start sending food by air almost at once, Reuters reported).

An official British statement described the Soviet offer as "pure propaganda" and said Britain and the United States would continue to supply food to the Western Sectors.

In London, the British, American and French representatives on the Committee which has been keeping a close watch on the German situation since the crisis broke out more than a month ago, today put the Russian move on their agenda as "a matter of first importance."

In Frankfurt, the three Western Military Governors, General Sir Brian Robertson, General Lucius Clay and General Pierre Koening, met the Premiers of the 11 Western German states to discuss their objections to the "London Plan"—Reuter.

The plans will be announced in a few days, the agency said. The agency quoted the Soviet Information Bureau as saying that arrangements have been made especially for the transportation and storage of perishable goods.

Provisions have also been made for the enlargement of the food distribution organisation of the Soviet sector, so that it could meet the requirements of the entire population of Berlin.

A responsible officer of the Central Commandantura stated that food and medicine would be made available according to the increased rations as decided upon by the Allied Commandantura on June 16. These rations were the only valid ones for the population of Berlin, he said.—Reuter.

CLAY TO REPORT

Frankfurt, July 20.—General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor of Germany, was on his way by air to Washington today for consultation on the Berlin crisis with State Department officials.

An official statement by the United States Army Headquarters in Europe said that General Clay left for Washington on Tuesday evening and would "return before the next scheduled meeting with the Minister of Defense on Monday, July 26."

While General Clay—one of the key figures in the Berlin cold war now entering its fifth week—was on his way to the United States capital, 11 German State Premiers of Berlin who today accused their own plans for Western Germany with the Allied occupation authorities, were given until Monday to frame their final views.

Political experts of the military governments will meet the Premiers near Ruedesheim tomorrow, mainly to try and effect a compromise on the differences between the London six-power decisions and Germany and the German modified plans drawn up by the Premiers.

According to a communique tonight, talks with the German leaders up to now were "explanatory and informal." General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Commanding officer, told the Germans they must decide now on any state boundary changes they wanted before the peace treaty.—Reuter.

Fatal First Flight

Paris, July 20.—The prototype of a giant French troop carrier, designed to hold 134 passengers—crashed on its first test flight near here today, killing all five occupants.—Reuter.

## Mysterious Cairo Explosion

London, July 20.—As Cairo was again visited by "unidentified" aircraft today, Egyptian security forces were today investigating the explosion which killed four persons and injured 17 in the Egyptian capital last night.

Suggestions that it was caused by a land mine dropped from a plane were not confirmed, but the capital's air raid sirens sounded and ack-ack guns opened up an hour's intensive barrage within 15 minutes of the explosion.

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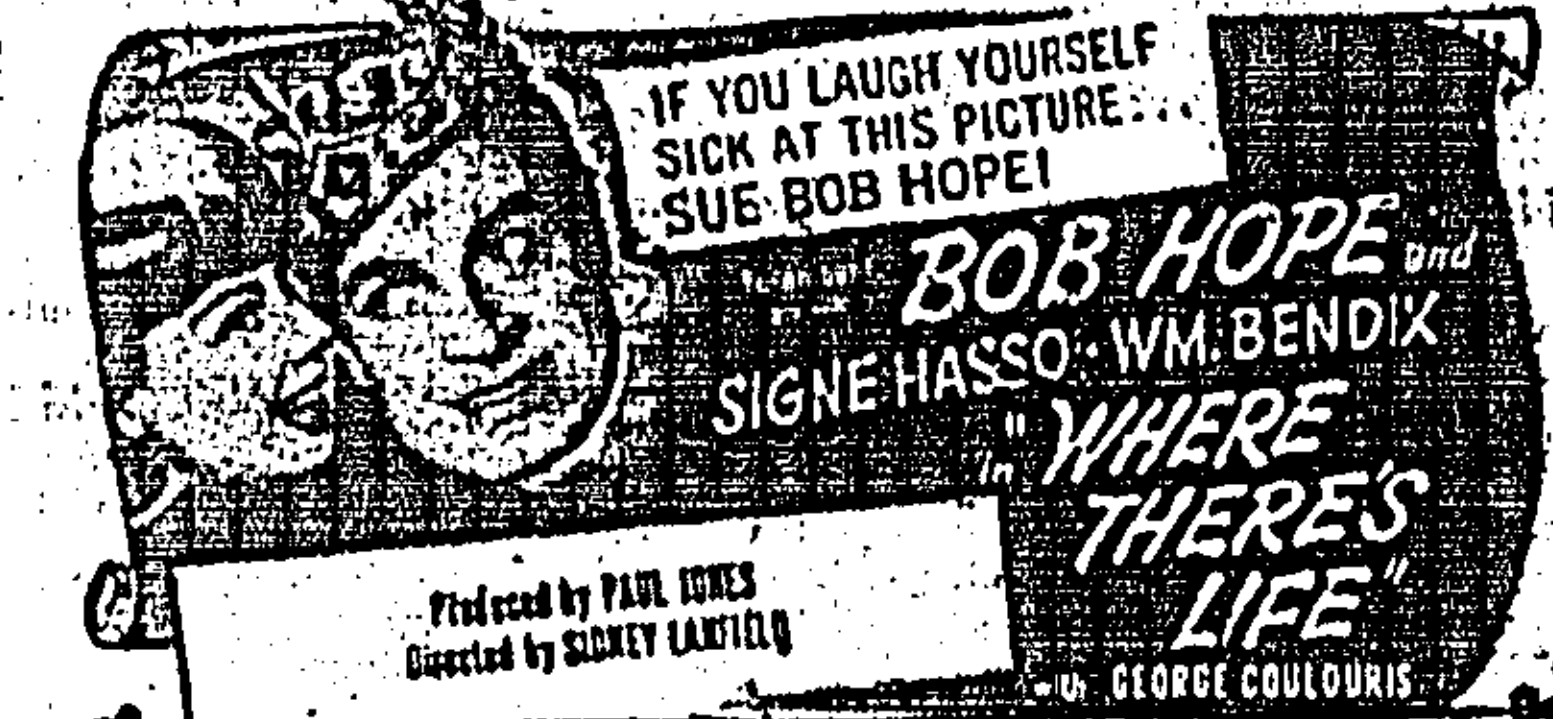
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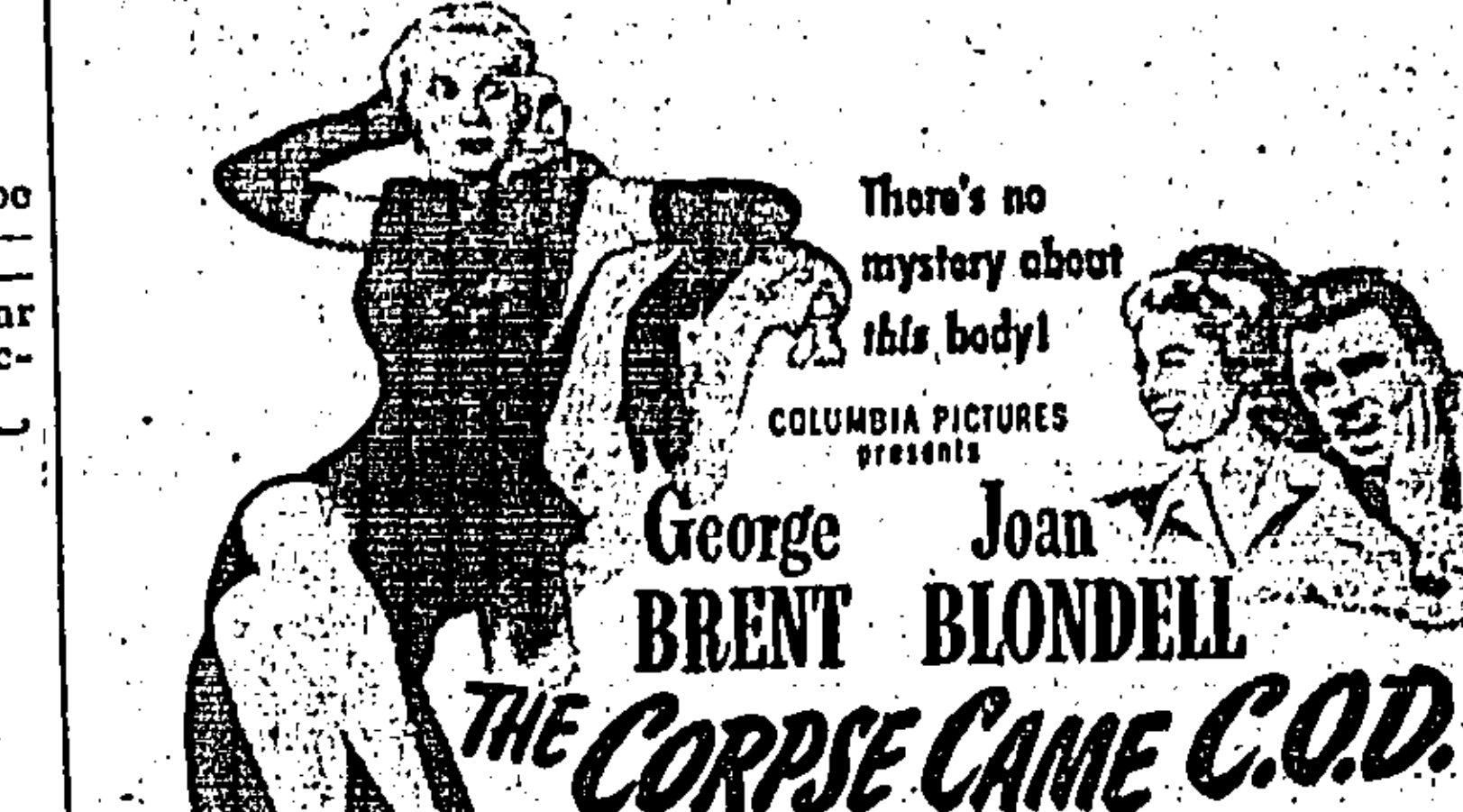


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## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Dad, will you show us how to do the swell handspring you turned at the party last night?"

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Heart Slam Beaten By Delayed Defence

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

THE Central States tournament in Chicago shattered all previous attendance records. There were 140 pairs in the open pair event, won by Miss Elinor Murdock of Birmingham, Ala., and Oswald Jacoby of Dallas, Tex.

Maynard Adams of Chicago sent me today's hand from the tournament. He said he thought East and West bid a little too much, but nevertheless several pairs reached six hearts and made it. However, Adams (South) made a defensive play worth recording.

The opening lead of the king of spades was won in dummy. Now declarer could finesse for the king of diamonds or the queen of hearts, and had to decide which to try first. Unfortunately he made

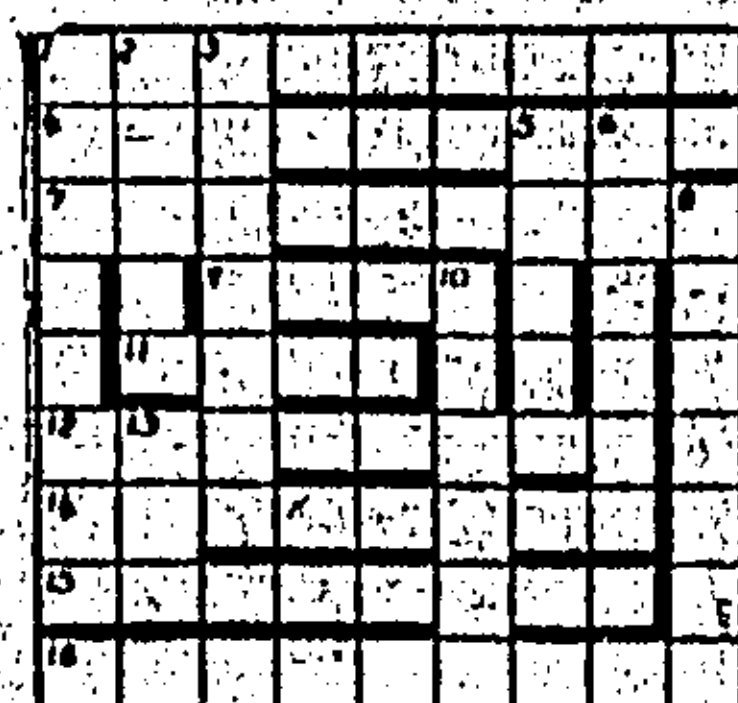
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W	N	E	S
AK100	52	AK8	AKQ
Adams	QKQ752	AKQ	AKQ
1073	AKQ	AKQ	AKQ
South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♥
Opening	4♥	Pass	5♥

the wrong choice. If he had played the jack of hearts from dummy, he would have lost only the king of diamonds. But he led the queen of diamonds and took the finesse.

Adams knew declarer had a problem. East had given the situation a good deal of thought before leading the diamond queen. Therefore Adams refused to win it. Now believing that he had located the king of diamonds, declarer continued with the jack. Adams won this trick with the king, declarer could not get back into dummy to take the needed heart finesse, and the contract was defeated, one trick.

Most players in six hearts elected to make the diamond play, figuring that even if it lost, they would have an entry into dummy to take the heart finesse.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



1. (3) A three-wheeler. (15)  
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## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

BORN today, you have original and new ideas about things. You also have the courage of your convictions. No matter how much others try to persuade you to change your mind, you will stick to your ideal and push through to success. This is a fine element in achieving your goal—but make sure that what you are aiming at is the best, possible thing you can hope for. In other words, aim at something really worth while.

You have a talent for leadership and good executive ability. Follow your own intuition in matters of importance and you will never be led astray by the ill advice of well-intended interlopers. You are fond of the good things of this world and have enough common sense to know that you cannot have them by dreaming about them. Consequently you will work hard to become successful so that you can get what you want out of life.

You women are fond of your home surroundings and will want everything to be of great beauty as the thing in quality. You are fine home-makers and will be charming hostesses. You have a natural wit in conversation which makes you an excellent company.

The very versatility of your talents may make it difficult for you to concentrate on any one thing. But this is a lesson you may learn if you are to reach the top. You enjoy travelling and may spend a great deal of time "on the go", but when you stop, you want your own home and hearthside to which you may return to abide in ease and comfort. Exert care in the selection of a marriage mate. Be sure your temperaments are compatible for lasting happiness.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let it be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—A day which favours expansion in your plans whether they be in the realm of business or personal romance.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A turn for the better becomes apparent today in both your business and social relations. Make progress now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Romance is in the foreground but do not neglect business for personal pleasures. Use your common sense.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Employees are especially favoured, particularly in an affair of public interest. The majority decision should rule now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—A fine business day which should show a profit on your books if you take full advantage of opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—The outdoors is calling, but do not neglect business matters which need your attention if gains are to be made now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A definite change for the better on all fronts, business, social, and romantic. Go out after what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A good day for a wedding or for beginning a vacation sea voyage if you have been planning one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Romance is in the air but you must also give full attention to business matters if they are to materialise as you wish them to.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A friendly, romantic day in which you may concentrate on personal matters with good success in prospect.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Afternoon is the best part of this day, especially if your trade is in contracting, mining, or real estate.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—A good merchandising day for your salesman. Push your product and see the profits rise if you are ambitious.

## MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

### AN HISTORICAL NOVEL IN THE GRAND MANNER

HISTORY is what the historians make it—cold mutton, as a rule. When the novelists come along they make a romantic hash of it....

No, I must take that back. We have a few good historians—as good as, if not superior to, any in Europe or America. And we have good historical novelists—some of them better historians than novelists, some better novelists than historians.

But is anyone working in the grand manner? Anyone to touch, for example, Lion Feuchtwanger? Can any of our modern historical novelists stand comparison with "Jew Süss" or "The Ugly Duchess"? In the measurable future, I think we can. The latest, "Fond Destiny" (Hutchinson International Authors,

12/6). Come, yes or no? If no, why?

One obvious reason is that large creative minds are rare. Rare but not extinct.

Meanwhile Feuchtwanger sets the pace and dimensions for those writers who have recourse to the past for their visions of the future. His novel is vast and roomy, providing ample accommodation for any notability which happened to be around Paris at the time when England was having trouble with her American colonies.

Beaumont Newhall ("Figaro" fame), Benjamin Franklin (inventor, statesman, philosopher, ambassador), Voltaire (equally revered and execrated at home and abroad), the Emperor Joseph, Louis XVI, his Queen (here familiarly known as Toinette)—these, with Lafayette, Maurepas, Necker, and a stray Englishman or so, are clearly distinguished from the crowd as they hover on the edge of the future or assemble to take their parts as Feuchtwanger's "Fond Destiny" is a "story of the wit and folly, the craft and stupidity, and the over-conventionalised corruption of a decaying society."

That phrase, "a decaying society" has a familiar ring. The past is always decaying—dying to make room for the future. Behold the process in this novel, and try to believe, though what is to come is still unsure (as it was for Shakespeare and Franklin), that a growth of human reason can be detected.

Franklin helped to secure America's independence of England and to exalt certain principles on which the new republic was founded. At the signing of the Declaration of Independence he is said to have remarked, "We must indeed all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately." He was a realist.

—Daniel George

## OUTWARD MAILS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Closing Times By Air

Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Amoy, Swatow and Tainan. 3.30 p.m. (Ord.)  
Saigon and Paris. 5 p.m.  
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Madras, Ceylon, Colombo, London, (Kowloon, CPO). 4.30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea &amp; Train

Amoy via Swatow (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Macao and Tainan (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Kowloon via Canton (Krait) 5 p.m.  
Canton (Parcel & 2nd class mail) (Sea) 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

Closing Times By Air

Canton, (Kowloon, CPO) 7.20 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11.30 a.m.  
Shanghai, 9.30 a.m. (Ord.)  
Manila, P.I., 11.30 a.m.  
Hankow, Nanking, Shanghai, Nanking, Amoy, Tainan and Hoihow, 3.30 p.m.  
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.  
Japan (Ordinary letters and cards only) 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea &amp; Train

Macao and Tainan (Sea) 5 a.m.  
Swatow (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Macao and Tainan (Sea) 1 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Canton (2nd class mail only) (Train) 2 p.m.  
Hankow (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Manila (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Macao and Tainan (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Swatow (Sea) 5 p.m.  
Kowloon (via Canton) (Train) 5 p.m.



## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE figure \$38,749,124,198,871,000,000 was inadvertently quoted yesterday for something or other. This should have been \$1,914,683,179,048,000,000, or words to that effect.

Having regard to the present situation, either figure could stand, since neither has any relation to reality, but with a view to doing everything towards a clarification, it is thought expedient to publish both figures, and to allow the public to choose whichever they prefer. After all, this is a free democracy. At least, so it says in the papers.

## Private enterprise

Stoke-on-Trent Food Control Committee told that occupants of a corporation house had darkened the bathroom and were growing mushrooms.

WHAT will they be prosecuted for? Anyhow, it gives a twist to the old gibe, "If you give the poor coal-scuttles, they will only have baths in them."

Is there a law to stop the occupants of a council house growing seakale in the bedroom?

## The case against Vagwire

MR SMARMIE, of the Secret Regional Food Police, having testified that he saw the defendant hammering in eleven nails, Mr Greasy of the Observation Bureau and Mr C. H. Sleim of the Supervision Committee said that they had previously broken into the defendant's house and measured the nails. There they found four members of the Central Corps questioning Mr Vagwire, who admitted that the nails were his and that he intended to use them to nail down a bit of felt on the roof of a henhouse. Warned by Mr Prigston of the Surveillance Board, that anything he nailed down would be used in evidence against him, he claimed that the nails had been bought in 1928.

Snappers: Before the Felt (Nailing Down) Act came into force, snail.

Cocklecarrot: Yes, yes. But it is retroactive. A secret clause in the Act makes that clear.

Snappers: Clear to whom? It is secret?

Cocklecarrot (ponderously): To the Law. Do you claim malfeasance with misprision?

Snappers: No, m'lud. Merely a cautionary injunction of benevolent intent.

Cocklecarrot: I see. Then habilitant must be proven palam populo.

## Marginal note

THE changing of the names of the hero and heroine in the recent production of "La Traviata" at Covent Garden is sure to start a craze. For my part, I shall not be happy until Lohengrin becomes Mr Sprit and enters on his swan wearing a bowler hat. Why has nobody thought of opera in modern dress? Surely Aida in a bustle would be no funnier than Hamlet in football clothes.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. The Gulf of Corinth. 2. Gold. 3. Painting of inanimate objects. 4. The Great Salt Lake is six times as salty as the ocean. 5. Saint Ste. Marie Canal. 6. A mass of earth, stones and other matter left in the wake of a glacier.

## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

### NEW YORK STOCKS RECOVER

New York, July 20.—In the stock market today, prices staged a recovery, with gains ranging to more than two points. Trade was active and the upswing wiped out one quarter of the four billion dollars accrued losses of the past three sessions.

All sections of the list took part in the rise, with the Industrial group in the van. Railroad issues also displayed strength, with gains ranging to five points.

Market experts attributed the recovery movement to technical reaction as a result of the sharp decline in prices during the last three sessions. There was nothing significantly new in foreign developments. As a result investors were bolder, which on the whole helped to improve trading sentiment.

Meanwhile, the London stock market also staged a good recovery prior to the New York opening. That market, like the United States security market, had been depressed by the Berlin situation. Youngstown Sheet and Tube paced the rise in Industrials, United States Steel moved up more than a point, and Republic Steel was firm. Automobiles were higher, with Chrysler and General Motors registering major fractional gains. Aircraft stocks continued to rise, with Boeing Airplane jumping a point. Superior Oil of California rose six points to 205 in the strong Oil section.

Transactions totalled 1,400,000 shares. Of 1,032 issues traded, 653 were higher, 200 were lower, and 179 unchanged.

Dow Jones averages at the close of the session stood as follows:—  
30 Industrials ..... 183.57  
20 Rails ..... 60.40  
15 Utilities ..... 35.11  
40 Bonds ..... 90.55  
—United Press.

## N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

New York, July 20.—Foreign currencies today were as follows:—

Argentine Peso (Official)	US\$0.2077
Argentine Peso (Unofficial)	3.75
Australia	2.25
Brazil	2.25
Belgium	2.25
Canada	2.25
Chile	2.25
Denmark	2.25
France	2.25
India	2.25
Mexico	2.25
New Zealand	2.25
Peru	2.25
Portugal	2.25
South Africa	2.25
Sweden	2.25
Switzerland	2.25
Venezuela	2.25
Shanghai (CNC100,000)	3.75
Netherlands (Official)	2.25
Batavia	2.25
Singapore	2.25
Hongkong	2.25

## POUND NOTE RATE

New York, July 20.—The British pound note was quoted in the unofficial market here today at US\$1.48.

## PARIS FREE MARKET

Paris, July 20.—In the free market here today the US\$20 gold piece was quoted at 21,000 francs. The black market rate of 23 francs against the dollar was quoted at 23 francs—United Press.

## CHINA PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

New York, July 20.—China produce was quoted in the New York Market as follows:—  
New York oil, per lb. F.O.B. 0.73/0.90  
Cassia oil, per lb. F.O.B. 2.00/2.50  
Tung oil, in tank cars, F.O.B. 0.22  
New York oil, per lb. F.O.B. 0.22  
Sandalwood, per lb. F.O.B. 13.00 nominal  
Agar, per lb. F.O.B. 3.15/2.40  
Beryllium (10 to 12 percent) 20.00/24.00  
Molybdenum, per lb. F.O.B. 0.45  
Bristles  
Belates, F.O.B. New York, per lb. as follows:  
Hankow, regular assortments 4.10-4.15  
Chungking " 2.25 nominal  
Shanghai " 2.25 nominal  
Tientsin, 20's shorts 6.20  
Tientsin, 20's regular 0.74  
—United Press.

## Moscow Report Of Loan To Franco

London, July 20.—Radio Moscow today said General Franco had negotiated a loan of US\$100,000,000 through private channels to buy dollars from North and South America.

The broadcast said that Franco, realising that the U.S. State Department does not want to cause dissatisfaction among American people by officially encouraging the granting of private loans to Spain, has announced that the loan for the acquisition of dollars from North and South America has been raised through private channels—United Press.

## Decline In Copra Prices

New York, July 20.—Philippine copra for July/August shipment was today reported sold at US\$237.50 and US\$235 per short ton, CIF, West Coast Ports, a decline of US\$2.50 to US\$4 from Monday. August shipment supplies were reported sold at US\$230 a short ton.

Prices for copra for the month to date dropped as much as US\$450 to US\$45 a ton—United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning in the following rates:  
Chinese dollars (per CN\$1 m.) 1.40  
Hongkong dollars (per HK\$1 m.) 1.40  
U.S. dollars (per US\$1 m.) 0.45  
Gold bars (per 100) 11.00  
Silver bars (per 100) 11.00  
Silver coins (per 100) 11.00  
NEI guilders (per 100) 44.50

## Steel Price Increase

Pittsburgh, July 20.—The United States Steel Corporation today increased the price of steel products at an average of US\$9.34 a ton—United Press.

## N.Y. Rubber Market

New York, July 20.—Rubber futures today closed four to 25 points lower in a slow market.

At present, rubber prices reached their lowest levels since the market was released from government control 18 months ago. The firm was under the strain of extremely nervous international situation.

Prices closed as follows:—  
July (cents per lb.) 22.50 bid  
August 22.50 nominal  
September 22.50 nominal  
October 22.50 nominal  
November 22.50 nominal  
December 22.50 nominal  
January (1949) 22.50 nominal  
February 22.50 nominal  
March 22.50 nominal  
April 22.50 nominal  
May 22.50 nominal  
June 22.50 nominal  
July 22.50 nominal  
August 22.50 nominal  
September 22.50 nominal  
Spot 22.50 nominal  
—United Press.

## METAL AND SCRAP PRICES

New York, July 20.—The following prices were quoted in the metals market here today:—  
Copper (Electrolytic, New York) F.A.S. 21.25-21.50 cts.  
Zinc (Prime Western, New York) per lb. 12.00 cts.  
Aluminum (Ingot, New York) per lb. 12.00 cts.  
Manganese, delivered east of Mississippi River, per lb. 32.00 cts.  
Iron, No. 1, per lb. 12.00 cts.  
Lower port, Lake Superior, per long ton 32.00 cts.  
Antimony, American, per lb. 6.25 cts.  
Wool, carpet, 100's, F.O.B. Texas 0.35 cts.  
Tin, Grade "A" (99.8 percent or higher) 1.00 cts.  
Tungsten, powdered (99.9 percent) 2.00 cts.  
Wolframite (Chinese ore containing Tungsten Trioxide) duty paid F.O.B. New York, per short ton 0.20/0.25 cts.

## SCRAP METAL

Prices quoted in the Scrap Metals market here today were as follows:—  
Copper, F.O.B. per ton 15.00/16.00 (heavy soft)  
Steel, F.O.B. per ton 15.00/16.00 (heavy soft)  
Iron, heavy melting 15.00/16.00  
—United Press.

## Britain May Have Record Crops

London, July 20.—Minister of Agriculture, Lord Williams today predicted in the House of Commons that British crops in 1948-49 may reach the peak level of the 1943-44 crop.

He said: "We are looking forward to yields in excess of the year average. Indeed if we are lucky with the weather always in doubt, I anticipate that the output for 1948-49 will reach the peak level of 1943-44."

Earlier, during question period, Sir Stafford Cripps said estimated subsidies to be paid to British agriculture for 1948-49 would total £22,000,000, plus acreage payments of £17,500,000—United Press.

## Tinplate Quota For Far East

Washington, July 20.—The U.S. Department of Commerce today announced fourth quarter export quotas for tinplate totaling 113,000 tons, including 23,400 tons for Pacific and Far East countries as follows:—  
Australia 11,500 tons; China 2,625; Hongkong 900; French Indo-China 300; Japan 1,450; Korea 350; Netherlands Indies 1,475; New Zealand 1,800; Pakistan 1,200; Siam 200—United Press.



# EUROPEAN SITUATION LIKELY TO HINDER U.S. AID TO CHINA

Washington, July 20.—Authoritative sources said today that Nationalist China faces an indefinite delay in obtaining United States arms to combat the Chinese Communists because of the worsening European situation.

Although Congress voted for China \$125,000,000 military aid with "no strings" attached, China still has the problem of finding a place to buy arms and equipment. Informed sources said the State Department "set up a priority" system to cover both China needs and possible shipments of arms to Western European countries which are parties to the Brussels pact. Thus the State Department may divert available arms and equipment to Europe if the crisis gets more critical.

## Death Penalty Compromise Rejected

London, July 20.—The House of Lords, where the Conservatives are in a majority, tonight rejected a Government compromise proposal on hanging in Britain. This would have divided murder into two degrees, one carrying the death penalty and the other life imprisonment.

The voting was 99 to 19. It is expected in political quarters that the Government will now drop the clause and introduce it in another session as a separate Bill. This would prevent the holding up of a Bill which all parties agree contains many valuable judicial reforms. The Government, however, has not committed itself on this point.

Among the first degree murders would have been the murder of a policeman or prison official, a second degree murder, murder after rape, and systematic poisoning.

The Government compromise arose from the House of Lords' rejection of an earlier House of Commons proposal. This, passed on a free (non-party) vote against the Government's advice, would have suspended the death penalty altogether for murder for a test period of five years.

Lord Goddard, the Lord Chief Justice, said that if the Government's proposal became law, it would "reduce the Law of Britain to a laughing stock"—Reuter.

## American Jet Fighters Land In England

Stornoway, Hebrides, July 20.—Sixteen United States jet fighters—P-80 "Shooting Stars"—landed for the first time in Great Britain tonight after their flight across the Atlantic from the United States.

The planes had "hopped" today from Iceland. The squadron will spend two or three days in England before leaving again for Wiesbaden, Germany.

The P-80s arrival came only a few days after several groups of B-29 Superfortress bombers had arrived in Britain, preparatory to training flights over Germany.

The jet fighters had crossed the Atlantic between Iceland and this island airfield in the Outer Hebrides off the west coast of Scotland in one hour and 34 minutes. The planes are part of the same United States Strategic Air Command whose bomber force is at present already in Britain.

It is expected that the two types of aircraft will co-operate in training missions and tactical exercises over Germany in the next two weeks.—Reuter.

## "Soak The Rich" Levy Move

Shanghai, July 21.—The City Government authorities have decided to enforce compulsory contributions to realise the balance of the city's CN\$8.5 million million "Soak the Rich" special levy, according to Chinese reports.

Up to the present, only about two million million dollars have been collected. The original deadline for achieving CN\$8.5 million million in collections was set by the Central Government as June 30.

Fresh instructions are now being sought from the Central Government concerning the enforcement of the levy on a compulsory basis.—Reuter.

## THAILAND AGAIN

Bangkok, July 20.—The Siamese Constituent Assembly today agreed to change the country's name to Thailand. The change of name will take effect after the draft constitution has been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

This is the second time Siam's name has been changed. It was changed to Thailand before the war, but recognition of this name by world powers was withdrawn after the country joined Japan in the last war and declared war on Britain and the United States.—Reuter.

## Empire Is Still A Big Influence

London, July 20.—Mr Robert Menzies, former Prime Minister of Australia, addressing an Empire Unity meeting here tonight, said: "The world is not inconsiderably vexed by accords and incommensurate by curious pressure groups. Let us remember that as the British Empire is one group of nations, we are still the greatest pressure group in the world."

The audience of Peers and Members of Parliament heard him refer to the current controversy over Empire citizenship. "I understand someone believes that, in the future, we should be of different nationalities. I do not understand that. I hope to die in due course as when I was born."

Describing Britain and the Commonwealth as a "positive brotherhood," Mr Menzies said: "I say a post to those people who will discuss the British Empire as if it was some sort of friendly alliance which has lasted for some time and might in the inscrutable wisdom of providence, last a little longer."

"So long as this empire of ours is one unit and not eight or nine, then so long will its voice in the world be a voice of power, authority and persuasion."

He would not accept the idea that Britain was entering "a somewhat genteel old age," and said that in the Empire they were in the "first robust flush of youth."

Of migration, Mr Menzies said: "We must not do it in a dull way. We must not do it as people who see a loss not merely as a gain, but as people who believe and who are determined that, wherever we may be in our various Dominions round the world, we are still British, one people owing an allegiance to one Crown, and are still determined to stand together until the crack of doom."—Reuter.

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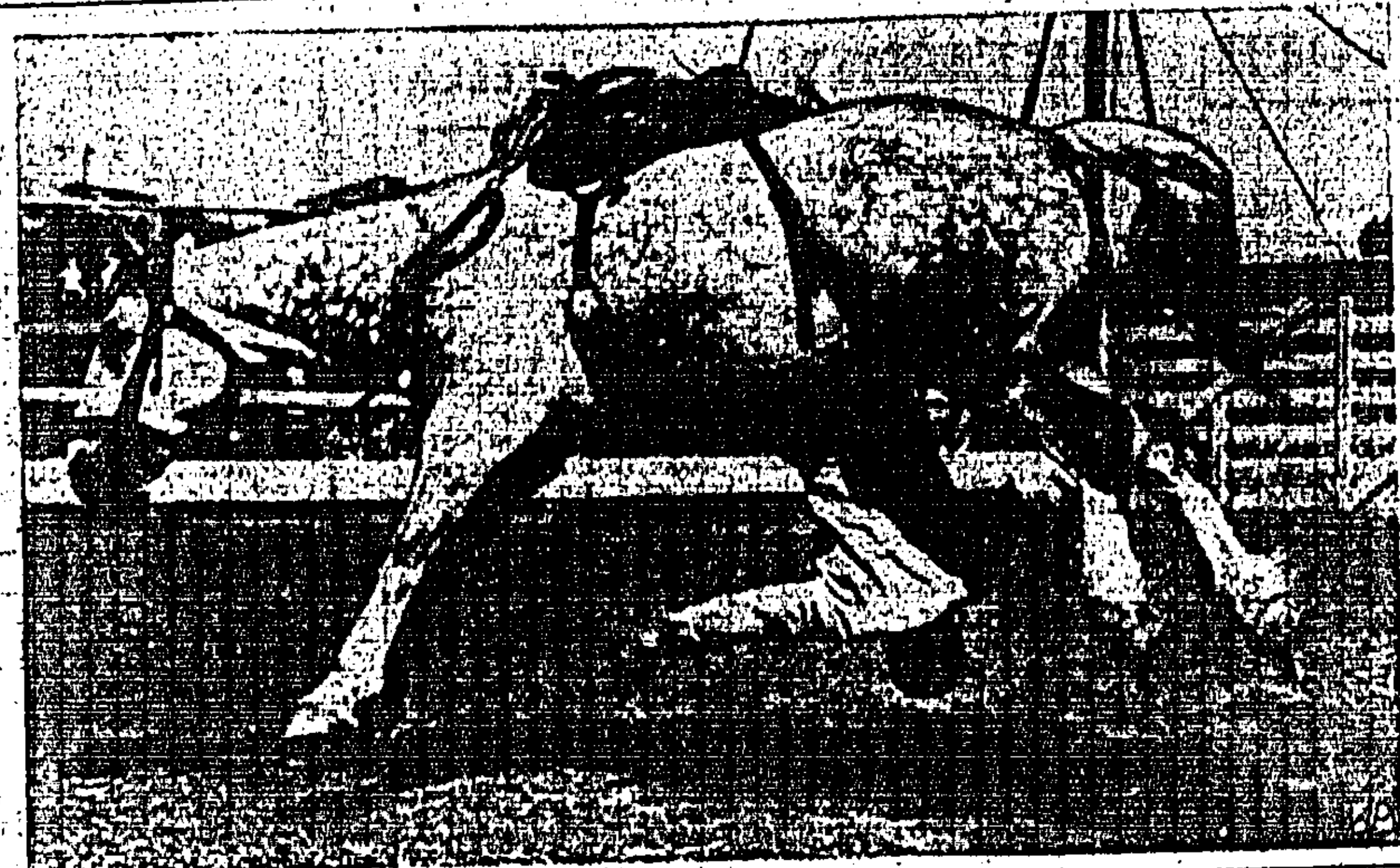
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His foot caught in the stirrup, rodeo rider Walter Speedie of Pilot Rock, Ore., hangs head downward from a bucking bronco at the Toppensish, Wash., pow-wow. His foot came loose a few seconds later. Speedie was knocked unconscious, but suffered only cuts and bruises. — AP Picture.

## Journalists Watch Atomic Nuclei Being Generated

Harwell, Berkshire, July 20.—Sir John Cockcroft, Director of the Ministry of Supply atomic energy research station here, today told a press conference of Britain's two years' progress in building up atomic energy, including completion of two atomic piles.

"I hope there will be no headlines on 'atomic secrets disclosed' for there will be none such," Sir John said. He explained that much of what visiting correspondents would see and hear during the next public tour of this station would be on the borderline of secrecy.

"Research work in atomic energy includes much that is fundamental scientific work which is not secret, but other parts are technological and disclosure of information would help other countries build plants which could be used to produce atomic weapons," said Sir John.

Correspondents were conducted on a tour of this research station, located on a former Royal Air Force field.

One pile, known as "GLEP" (Graphite Low Energy Experimental Pile), was open for inspection. Completed in August last year, GLEP was described as a "simple unit designed to develop 100 kilowatts of heat."

This pile is being used at present for measuring atomic nuclei properties and production of radioactive isotopes.

Sir John said the British staff employed in constructing this pile had acquired "experience" in Los Alamos and Berkeley while others had helped to build the atomic energy plant at Chalk River in Canada.

He explained that this pile was purely experimental and from data obtained Britain had built another more powerful unit, which develops 1,000 kilowatts of power and can "bombard" 60 times as strongly as GLEP.

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## Committee Backs Disputed New Plane

London, July 20.—The Inquiry Committee recommended today that the British Overseas Airways Corporation use the much-criticised British-built Tudor II airliner.

The Committee's final report blamed the BOAC for changes in design that have delayed production and suggested methods by which it could be used on all BOAC Empire routes.

At the same time, the Supply Ministry announced that flight tests with the Tudor II under tropical conditions had produced "unexpected and disappointing" results.

The Ministry said, "They showed that the particular aircraft tested required a distance for take off that would preclude commercial operation from certain existing airfields on Empire routes and that its range was less than had been expected. No estimate can yet be given of the time required to make it fit to go into service."

The Ministry emphasised that the preliminary results of the Tudor II trials had no bearing on the performance of the Tudor IV, "which is a proved airplane already in service with the British South American Airways."—United Press.

## U.S. Conscription

Washington, July 20.—President Truman today issued a proclamation calling for men aged between 18 and 20 to start registering under the new conscription law on August 30.

Other groups will sign before mid-September, though the draft cannot start until September 22, 50 days after Mr Truman signed the Selective Service Act, which conscripts men for 21 months' peacetime military training.—Reuter.

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## Congress May Start A Filibuster

Washington, July 20.—Republican leaders may plunge the special session of Congress into an immediate civil rights fight which could stop President Truman's anti-inflation programme, it was disclosed today.

The Acting Senate Republican leader, Kenneth S. Wherry, of Nebraska, hinted broadly that the Republican strategy will call for touching off a filibuster by Southern Democrats as soon as the summer session starts.

Many Republicans who denounced President Truman's request of the Congress as "cheap politics" already had suggested privately that such a course would serve two Republican ends: 1. Shunt the Administration's demands for price controls and other economic legislation onto a deadened track. 2. Pour salt into the wounds of the Southerners who were already sent to disavow traditional Democratic allegiance because of the strong racial rights plank written into the party's national platform.

President Truman included civil rights in a nine-point legislative programme which he said he is calling the Congress back to enact. But the administration plan is for the Congress to give first priority to legislation to curb high cost of living.

Responsible White House sources said that President Truman will appear personally before the joint session either on Monday or Tuesday and appeal for immediate application of price controls on meat. Then he will repeat his request for "standby" controls over other prices.—United Press.

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